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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 5, 1977

Mr. Fred Domzalski
1524 E. Berks Street
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Dear Mr. Domzalski:

Mr. Marshall Overman was nice enough to give me your name in connection with our preparation of an article for a national coin publication on the Philadelphia coin finds. I have information from Bill Paull and David Loll, as well as Mr. Overman. I need some facts which you can furnish.

Would you be nice enough to send me a complete list of the coins you found in the dirt disposal sites. I was told that among your finds were a French gold piece and an Immune Columbia copper which no one else found. I assume you did not work the original I-95 site, only the dump sites.

As to the French gold piece, please give me the date, the complete legend, and the diameter.

As to the Immune Columbia, would you send me a copy of the magazine in which your RECENT FINDS was published about this piece. I also need a picture of your coin to publish. May I pay the registration to us and take the picture here. It is a very important find.

What other coins did you find (denomination, date and number located).

Please also let me know if you have any objection to the use of your name in the article. I will respect your wishes either way.

I hope to hear from you soon and I believe you will be pleased with the research being done. It is an amazing event.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. Marshall E. Overman

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January 16, 1977

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
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Dear Mr. Newman:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5, 1977. I will be glad to furnish the information you requested for publication on the Philadelphia coin finds. All the coins found by me were from the dump sites of I-95.

I have enclosed a copy of the article pertaining to the find of the Immune Columbia Copper which was printed in our Christmas edition of the South Jersey Treasure Hunter's Club. The picture description was taken from the R.S. Yeoman Guide Book of U.S. Coin's. (Red Book(. My "find" is exactly as shown in the book. I have enclosed rubbings of this piece as I do not wish to have it leave my possession. I trust this will suffice.

I have enclosed a rubbing of the French Gold coin with information pertaining to it. Also is a listing of coins discovered in the same area.

I have no objection to the use of my name in the article, but would request my address not be used.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Domzalski

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

Hoard

August 15, 1977

Mr. Alfred Domzalski
1524 East Berks Street
Phialdelphia, PA 19125

Dear Mr. Domzalski:

In my July 25, 1977 telephone call to you, you indicated you planned to send your IMMUNE COLUMBIA piece to the American Numismatic Association Certification Service -

(ANACS)
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

I told you I would arrange to have the coin's picture taken there as well as its weight and specific gravity measurement. Would you let me know if it has been sent or when it is being sent.

I was interested in the fact that your new finds included an 1850 half dime. Good luck in your further hunting.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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8-24-77

Dear Mr. Newman,

Sorry about the delay in writing to you, and also about sending out the "Immune Columbia".
I had been pretty busy in my line of work and couldn't get a chance to send any communication's.
But I also want you to know that as of yesterday 8-23-77, I had sent the piece to the A.N.A.C.S. for certification and it should be there in a few day's.
Thank you for personally wanting to take care of all the arrangement's pertaining to the "Immune Columbia".
I will be sending you the (3) 1699 Brittania coins in the very near future.
I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely
Alfred Domzalski
1524 E. Berks St.
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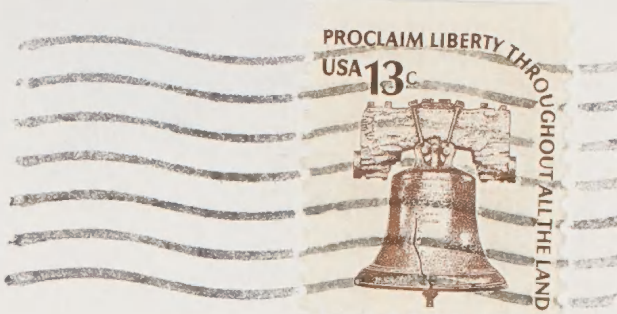

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Dear Mr. Newman,

First thing I'd like to say is "thanks for calling," and that it was a pleasure hearing from you again.

Our discussion was very informitive, as I'm always eager to learn more about my "Immune Columbia" and it's history.

With winter being here and the weather as bad as it was, my digging and hunting has been at a minimum, even when day's are nice there's always the fact that the ground is frozen which makes it impossible to dig, so from here on I'll just have to research into some of the history of these early coins and also think of the fun it was finding them and

all the other colonial pieces.

As I mentioned on the phone our club did have a bull dozer at one of the dump site's and we were again able to get into some good hunting. I myself did pretty good on finding at least 8 coins on that Sat & Sun.

That was about it right up to the present and I belive sometime in the Spring our club will again plan to "bull doze" some more of the area. and so we'll be able to again try our luck.

The coins I have found are listed below.

1798 - AMERICAN LARGE CENT
1816 " " "
1831 " " "
1787 New Jersey STATE CENT
1722 BRITANNIA HALF PENNY
1723 " " "

There's also a coin I've found which is a French piece dated 1735, it's about the size of our silver dollar and it's very interesting as just looking at it one can see that's it's a forgery and a poor job at that, I'm sending you a rubbing of it and you can see for yourself how crudly it was made, it has the appearance of being made in a mold, if you would like more information about it I could send it to you and perhaps you can tell me what it is.

Well so much for now, I hope to hear from you again soon as it will always be my pleasure.

I wish you much success in your new book, and if it wont be too much trouble I'd like to have 2 copies

Thanks Again

Sincerely Yours

Fred Domzalski

ELIZABETH D:G: ANG: FRA: ET HIB: REGINA

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OVER

This piece has the appearance of being either silver or pewter, the metal is too hard to be pewter, but it may be mixed with some other metal, to make it more durable. I don't believe someone would melt silver to make a forgery coin. What's your opinion?

THE FRENCH GOLD PIECE IS A LOUIS D'OR.

THE "A" ON THE REVERSE SIDE INDICATES IT BEING MINTED IN PARIS IN THE YEAR 1726.

IT IS 15/16" IN DIAMETER.

DRAWINGS AND RUBBINGS BELOW WILL GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF LEGEND AND ALSO ACTUAL SIZE.

IMMUNE COLUMBIA COPPER

Domzalski

Bar Shot

Iron Keys Pewter Plate 10" by Richard King of London

Seal rings

Shoe Buckles

Wood handled Pocket Knives and bone handle

Early Brass Thimbles

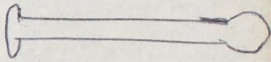
Pewter ~~spoons~~ tablespoons +.

Clay pipes

Colonial Eyeglass

Brass Buttons (hundreds)

Spatula point handwrought nails (large



locks

Hammer and Ax heads.

Iron cannon balls (large + small)

Lead musketballs (large + small)

(W) military buttons

Old horse shoes

½d England sem 1771, 1737, 1757 1722 1735, 1750

Hibernia ½d 1737, 1776 1722, 1724

US Cents 1794, 1795, 1797, 1794, 1794, 1796, 1808, 1810, 1832

US ½¢ 1800

1834 50¢

Spanish America 2 reals 1783 Mo 1780 Mo

1 real 1740 Mo, 1781 Mo 1763 Mo

" " ½ real 1781 Mo

1726 Louis XV Paris Mint Louis

15 1699 cfs

Wm III genuine but no date

U.S. Coins

1 ½ cent ----------1800
2 1 cent----------1794
1 1 cent----------1795
1 1 cent----------1797
1 1 cent----------1808
1 1 cent----------1832
1 half dollar--------1809
1 half dollar--------1834
1 25 cent----------1876
1 5 cent----------1867

U.S. COINS
1796 cent
1810

Britannia

								English ½d	Irish ½d
15	½	penny	~~or~~	~~farthing~~			--1699	1722	1737
1	"	"	"		"		--1735	1724	1776
2	"	"	"		"		--1737	1735	1750
1	"	"	"		"		--1750	1737	
1	"	"	"		"		--1771	1750	
1	"	"	"		"		--1775	1757	
								1771	
								1775	

Wm III gen. without date

Spanish

1 Real ----1763 Mo
1 Real ------1740 Mo
1 Real ------1781 Mo
1 ½ Real-----1781 Mo
1 2 Real-----1780 Mo
1 2 Real-----1783 Mo

Hibernia

1 ½ Penny----1737
1 ½ Penny----1750
1 ½ Penny----1776

1- Copper Cob money believed to be English or Chinese

Domzalski

Phila 1975 find of
Alfred Dombrinski

1785 Immune Columbia —
Nova Constellatio

Wt 9.61 grams 148.3 grains
Sp. gr. 8.8

~~Noticeable~~ ~~slightly~~ ~~Smooth~~ ~~Concave obverse and convex reverse~~
Slightly buckled ~~over~~ to create concave obverse and convex reverse. Probably cause by hot planchet

Dark green Corrosion to right of scale, under A of COLUMBIA, behind neck, over 85 of date.

Dark green corrosion near eye on ray pointing to first O in CONSTELLATIO, over field on both sides of star between ~~CONST~~ CONSTELLATIO and NOVA, around stars under NOVA.

~~Otherwise fine~~ Fine as to wear but rubbed bright in a few small areas.

Large edge dent on reverse ~~below first ray~~ left of point of first ray counterclockwise of ray pointing between CO
Small edge dent on reverse below S and T of CONSTELLATIO
Edge bevel ~~Bd~~ on reverse below NO of NOVA.

Absolutely genuine.

Probably can be cleaned by vibration?

RECENT FINDS

A couple of nice finds were made recently from the dump sites of I-95 by club member Fred Domzalski. A Hibernia 1739 half penny in fine condition, and also a coin dated 1785. It is listed as a Constellatio Nova, and on the reverse side is printed Immune Columbia and according to the red book this coin was an experimental or pattern piece, no laws describing them are known, these dies were possibly the work of James F. Atlee, this coin has the extra star in the border. It has been classified in fine condition and has been authenticated as genuine. It is considered a rare coin. As yet, no value has been placed on it. This is truly a coin that can be admired and realized that it was in circulation before our U.S. form of coinage was instituted, so it shows that there are still finds to be made at the old dump site's and with perseverance, work and luck we can still be rewarded.

Fred Domzalski
Phila., Pa.

IMMUNE COLUMBIA COPPERS

Copper, CONSTELLATIO,
1785 Extra Star in Border.... ——
Copper, CONSTELATIO,

These are considered experimental or pattern pieces. No laws describing them are known. There are several types with the seated figure of Justice device. These dies were possibly the work of James F. Atlee.
1785 Copper..... ——
1785 Silver..... ..... ——

George Donahower's detector is on a "ring kick," turning up several in the last few months. George's most recent and best find was a man's diamond ring valued at $500. Make George a reasonable offer and the ring is yours. The ring was found at a school yard between two war nickles. How lucky can you get?

Fred Domzalski's fabulous find is reported elsewhere in the newsletter. "Immune Columbia Copper" — sounds like a rare disease! Not so. It was, however, a rare coin, and in fine or very fine

Marshall Overman found two oldies, same type and same date, Hibernia halfpennies dated 1723. These two coins were in much better condition than an 1890 Indian head found in the same general area. Where? Phila., where else?

Tid Bits

When I paid my restaurant tab yesterday I received a peculiar looking penny with my change. The back of it was ok, but the front had a red and white sticker on it. It read "Inflation Fighter Penny Worth $2 Off Any Tire, at Tire Kingdom." Can a place advertise on money?

J.A., Philadelphia

Apparently not. Secret Service is letting the air out of Tire Kingdom's inflation fighter. The government has seized some 25,000 of the promotional pennies. It's illegal to advertise on American money. But there's some confusion. Tire Kingdom's sales manager Mark Wurth said he checked with the Federal Reserve Bank and Wurth says he was told that if he didn't deface the coin, he could use it. Wurth says sticking a little coupon on each penny doesn't permanently deface anything. So he started his campaign and now 80,000 pennies later it's being stopped. Tire Kingdom's manager Saul Markovitz says taking the pennies off the market is just hurting consumers. Meanwhile, the Secret Service is still working on the case and Tire Kingdom could be fined up to $500 for every penny with a sticker on it.

Jos.S. Fiechtner